



# CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE FACT SHEET

## HOW PARENTS PAY

The Child Care Subsidy is issued to families using the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Kansas Benefits Card. It is like a debit card. Payment is put into a child care account on the Kansas Benefits Card on the first of every month. Families use this to pay child care providers, electronically, during the month. The Child Care Subsidy Program helps pay for child care costs. It helps many families. These include the following:

- Families who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and take part in work programs.
- Low-income, working families.
- Some families in education or training activities, providing help for keeping a job or getting a better job.
- Teen parents completing high school or their GED.

### To Qualify:

- Apply and can act on their own behalf.
- The family and the child must live in Kansas.
- Must provide all income information.
- If parents are absent from the home, the one in the home must work with Child Support Services.

The child must be under age 13. If a child age 13-18 cannot provide self-care, he/she may qualify for assistance in certain cases. Staff consider both physical and mental self-care skills. If a court oversees the child, he/she may qualify for assistance.

### Income Information

Staff will consider the monthly income for each family member. The income includes wages before taxes and child support. Some income is not counted, such as SSI and student loans. Most families must pay part of the child care costs. Assistance amounts vary by family, based on individual case circumstances. For a maximum rate chart visit: [http://content.dcf.ks.gov/EES/KEESM/Appendix/C-18\\_ProviderRateCht.pdf](http://content.dcf.ks.gov/EES/KEESM/Appendix/C-18_ProviderRateCht.pdf)

## Family Maximum Monthly Income Guidelines

| Family Size | Maximum Monthly Initial Eligibility Income |
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| 2           | \$3,630                                    |
| 3           | \$4,575                                    |
| 4           | \$5,520                                    |
| 5           | \$6,468                                    |
| 6           | \$7,413                                    |
| 7           | \$8,323                                    |
| 8           | \$8,508                                    |
| 9           | \$8,693                                    |
| 10          | \$8,878                                    |

If providers charge less than the maximum rate, DCF will use the provider rate.

For more information about income eligibility, go online at:  
[http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/ees/Pages/Child\\_Care/ChildCareSubsidy.aspx](http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/ees/Pages/Child_Care/ChildCareSubsidy.aspx)

For further information on the Child Care Assistance Program:

- Call 1-888-369-4777
- Pick up an application at any DCF office
- Go online to [ksqualitynetwork.org](http://ksqualitynetwork.org) (under Families: Child Care Assistance) to fill out an application